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In re application of: Camble et al. Group: 2186

Serial No.: 10/034,518 Examiner: Tuan Thai

For: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR SECURING DRIVE ACCESS TO MEDIA

BASED ON MEDIUM IDENTIFICATION NUMBERS.

1. This action is responsive to amendment filed January 09, 2007. Claim 9 has been cancelled. Claims 1-8 and 10-30 are now allowed.

## REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

2. The following is an Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance:

The prior arts of record do not teach or suggest, alone or in combination, all the limitations of the independent claims of the current invention (claims 1, 14 and 22). Claim 1 references a "method for securing access to a data medium"; claim 14 references "a method for securing access to data media in a particular partition of a partitioned data library"; claim 22 references a "partitioned data library". The discussion of the

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reasons for allowance shall be directed to claim 1 in which the Examiner shall designate as the primary invention in this application; however, the reasons for allowance will also apply to all other indicated independent claims (claims 14 and 22). The prior arts of record do not teach nor suggest recording an identification number assigned to each medium in at least a portion of a data library, commanding at least selected data transfer element in the library to only accept media having particular ones of the identification numbers; and particularly, the prior arts of record do not teach the ejecting the medium from a data transfer element in response to the identification number not being one of the particular ones of the identification numbers. In light of the foregoing, claims 1, 14 and 22 of the present application are found to be patentable over the prior arts.

Claims 2-8, 10-11; 15-21 and 23-30 further limit the allowable independent claims 1, 14 and 22. These claims are therefore allowable for the same reason as set forth above.

Any comments considered necessary by Applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the Issue Fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the Issue Fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

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3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Tuan V. Thai whose telephone number is (571)-272-4187. The examiner can normally be reached on from 6:30 A.M. to 4:00 P.M..

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Mathew M. Kim can be reached on (571)-272-4182. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300. Information regarding the status of an application may be obtained from the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system. Status information for published applications may be obtained from either Private PAIR or Public PAIR. Status information for unpublished applications is available through Private PAIR only. For more information about the PAIR system, see http://pair-direct.uspto.gov. Should you have questions on access to the Private PAIR system, contact the Electronic Business Center (EBC) at 866-217-9197 (toll-free).

TVT/February 02, 2007

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